

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §112

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejects Claims 19, 20 and 23 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. In particular, the Examiner states that in claim 19, line 4, "the reflection liquid crystal display device" lacks antecedent basis. Applicants have now amended this line of Claim 19 to refer to "the reflection display device" which has an antecedent basis in the immediately preceding line. Accordingly, this rejection has now been overcome.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §102

Rejection of Claims 1, 2, 4-9 and 12-15 Over Katsura

The Examiner also rejects Claims 1, 2, 4-9 and 12-15 under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Katsura. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants have amended both independent Claims 1 and 2 to recite that the first display device is one of a liquid crystal display device and an EL display device and the second display device is the other one of the liquid crystal display device and the EL display device. This is shown, for example, in the specification at page 5 et seq (see especially e.g. page 6, lns. 10-12) Embodiment 1 and Figs. 1A-1C.

Such a structure is not shown in Katsura which states that it is directed to a flexible liquid crystal display panel. It does not disclose two display devices where one is a liquid crystal display device and the other an EL display device, as claimed in Claims 1 and 2. Accordingly, the structure of independent Claims 1 and 2 and those claims dependent thereon is not disclosed or suggested by Katsura. Therefore, these claims are patentable over this reference, and it is requested that this rejection now be withdrawn.

Rejection of Claims 19, 20 and 23-27 Over Yabe et al.

The Examiner also rejects Claims 19, 20 and 23-27 under 35 USC§102(b) as being anticipated by Yabe et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent Claim 19 is directed to a portable electronic device having an EL display device for displaying an image (see e.g. page 7, lns. 17-23 in the present application).

In contrast, Yabe discloses an electronic device wherein the EL panel is a light source. See col. 7, lns. 27-40. As this is different than the claimed invention, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claim 28 rejected over Kim

The further rejects Claim 28 under 35 USC§102(e) as being anticipated by Kim. This rejection is also traversed.

Claim 28 is directed to a portable electronic device comprising a first display device, a second display device and a third display device wherein the three are attached to each other to allow opening and closing.

Applicants respectfully submit that Kim does not disclose or suggest first, second and third display devices attached to each other so as to allow opening and closing. Hence, Kim does not disclose or suggest the claimed invention, and Claim 28 is patentable thereover.

Accordingly, for at least the above-stated reasons, it is respectfully requested that each of the §102 rejections now be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §103

The Examiner also rejects dependent Claims 10, 11, 21 and 22 under 35 USC §103 as being unpatentable over Katsura in view of Flannery and dependent Claims 3 and 16-18 under 35 USC

§103 as being unpatentable over Katsura in view of Kim and Flannery. As each of these are dependent claims, they are patentable over the cited references for substantially the same reasons given above for the independent claims. Accordingly, it is requested that these rejections now be withdrawn.

IDS

Applicants filed an IDS with the application. It is requested that the Examiner include a marked-up copy of the 1449 form to confirm the Examiner's consideration of this IDS.

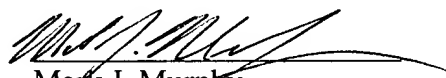
Conclusion

As the claims clearly define over the art, this application is in a condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the application now be allowed.

If any fee is due for this amendment, please charge our deposit account 50/1039.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

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Marked-up copy of the claims as amended:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A portable electronic device comprising:

a first display device for displaying an image; and

a second display device comprising a touch input operational portion,

wherein the first display device and the second display device are attached to each other in a longitudinal direction or in a lateral direction,

wherein the first display device is one of a liquid crystal display device and an EL display device and the second display device is the other one of the liquid crystal display device and the EL display device.

2. (Amended) A portable electronic device comprising:

a cover member comprising a first display device for displaying an image; and

a second display device comprising a touch input operational portion,

wherein the cover member and the second display device are attached to each other so as to allow opening and closing,

wherein the first display device is one of a liquid crystal display device and an EL display device and the second display device is the other one of the liquid crystal display device and the EL display device.

Cancel Claims 12-15.

19. (Amended) A portable electronic device comprising:

a cover member comprising an EL display device for displaying an image; and

a reflection display device,

wherein the cover member and the reflection [liquid crystal] display device are attached to each other so as to allow opening and closing, and

wherein the reflection display device is made to display by irradiating light emitted from the EL display device.